

# Philby Says He's Happy Over Red Spy Charge

MOSCOW (UPI)—The Stammering Kremlin spy accused of penetrating American and British espionage headquarters smiled today and said he really wouldn't mind doing it all over again.

Harold Philby, the upperclass Englishman said to have served Moscow while heading Britain's anti-Soviet spy network, emerged for the first time from Soviet espionage shadows and talked with Western newsmen in a Moscow hotel.

Philby seemed pleased with himself.

Faced with British charges that he stole enough secrets to earn the title as the twentieth century's greatest spy, Philby waggled a finger only once with a correction.

He said it most certainly was not true that he began spying in 1943, as reported in London. It was in 1933, he said happily. And why?

Philby, stammering still at times, said he became a Communist agent during the great depression. "The dilemma of the working class people was frightful," he said.

"That's why I did it—I would do it again tomorrow," he said. Any regrets?

"I do miss the casual access to my children, although in fact I think I see as much of them as I would have had I remained a foreign correspondent (one of his spy "cover" jobs)," Philby said.

## Record in Top Spots

He waid he was "never happier, certainly never healthier" than during the last four years in Moscow since he skipped away from Beirut.

Behind him, according to British official and press reports, lay:

Spying for the Soviet Union while serving as wartime British spy chief for Spain, Portugal and Africa.

Spying for the Soviet Union while serving as organizer and chief of Britain's anti-Soviet es-



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pionage network at the end of World War II.

Spying for the Soviet Union while a liaison man in Washington for Britain's M. I. 6 espionage organization, London's equivalent of Washington's CIA.

Being asked for and advising U. S. security officials in those years on organizing the CIA.

Being the "third man" who tipped off British diplomats Guy Burgess and Donald Maclean in time for the pair to make their famed 1951 flight to Moscow, steps ahead of British counter-spies.

## That Was Undoing

According to British reports, it was Philby's known friendship with both Burgess and Maclean that led to his undoing. Eased out of sensitive fields, he returned to being a foreign correspondent, fleeing at last to Moscow in 1963.

Some things Philby refused to talk about. This included his reported marriage to Maclean's ex-wife, Melinda. She and Philby were spotted at a Moscow concert only last week.

He indicated he enjoys very much life in a comfortable apartment supplied by a grateful Kremlin. He refused to show it to newsmen.